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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT: IBRD AND IMF

1. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE MAXIMUM CONTACT AND COOPERATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM IBRD AND IMF VISITING EGYPT. WE SELDOM IF EVER ARE GIVEN ADVANCE NOTICE FROM WASHINGTON THAT SUCH TEAMS ARE COMING TO CAIRO, AND OFTEN LEARN OF THEIR PRESENCE ONLY FROM LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, IF AT ALL. WITHOUT NAMES, IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACK THEM DOWN.

2. EMBASSY WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE ANY ARRANGEMENTS DEPARTMENT COULD MAKE TO ADVISE US OF VISITS IN ADVANCE. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT WHEN APPROPRIATE, DEPARTMENT BRIEF IBRD/IMF TEAMS ON OUR ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT AND ON OUR EFFORTS TO ELICIT GREATER B/P ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER DONORS.

3. IDEAL SOLUTION WOULD BE TO HAVE TEAMS CONTACT US UPON ARRIVAL. (THIS IS ALREADY RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE DEVELOPED WITH IKRAM OF BANK AND DICKEY OF FUND.) WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS MAY UNDER SOME CIRCUMSTANCES BE DIFFICULT, AND IN THOSE INSTANCES REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT ADVISE US OF WHO IS COMING SO THAT WE CAN MAKE EFFORT HERE.

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